

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 512**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Violence Against Women Federal Compliance Act		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 512 amends various Sections of Title 16, Chapters 3 and 25 and Title 20, Chapter 4 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to rape victims. The Bill amends various Sections of the Code so as to bring State statutes into compliance with the federal Violence Against Women Act.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Governor's Office—Executive Policy & Programs (OEPP)

A review of this Bill by the Office indicates the number of eligible claims could increase by ten percent resulting in an additional cost of approximately \$60,000 to be paid from Other funds (Victims' Compensation Fund).

Other Agencies

The Judicial Department, Department of Health & Environmental Control, and State Law Enforcement Division each indicate this Bill would have either no impact or minimal impact on agency expenditures which can be absorbed within existing resources.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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